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# small business / small community ASSISTANCE P R O G R A M

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## ABOUT SB/SCAP

The primary mission of the DEQ's Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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## New area source standards may impact small businesses

EPA is developing standards to control toxic air pollutants from **area sources**, which will affect many small businesses like autobody shops, gas stations and glass manufacturing. "Area" sources are those sources that emit less than 10 tons annually of a single hazardous air pollutant or less than 25 tons annually of a combination of hazardous air pollutants.

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to identify a list of at least 30 air toxics that pose the greatest potential health threat in urban areas, and for the Strategy, EPA identified a list of 33 air toxics. The CAA also requires EPA to identify and

list the area source categories that represent 90 percent of the emissions of the 30 urban air toxics associated with area sources and subject them to standards under the CAA (section 112 (d)). EPA has identified a total of 70 area source categories which represent 90 percent of the emissions of the 30 listed air toxics pollutants. Of these 70 area source categories, 28 had been regulated by June 2007 and the remaining area source standards are under development. For more information, please visit EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/arearules.html#area>. ♦♦♦

## Business owners may be able to obtain a tax credit for purchase of recycling equipment or service contracts

by John Rogers, CPM, Staff Environmental Scientist, Water Permit Division, Baton Rouge Headquarters

As a small business owner, are you aware of the *tax credit for purchase of qualified recycling equipment or service contracts*? This income tax credit is available to any taxpayer who purchases qualified new recycling manufacturing or process equipment or qualified service contracts and receives certification from the Department of Environmental Quality. Qualified new recycling equipment is new machinery or a new apparatus used exclusively to process post-consumer waste material, recovered material, or both. It also includes manufacturing machinery used exclusively to produce finished products composed of at least 50 percent post-consumer waste material, recovered material, or both.

To qualify for the credit, qualified new recycling manufacturing or process equipment or qualified service contracts must be purchased after June 30, 2005 and must be used exclusively within

Louisiana. The total allowable credit is 20 percent of the cost of the qualified new recycling manufacturing or process equipment or qualified service contracts, less the amount of any other tax credits received because of the purchase of the equipment.

Total credits certified by the Secretary of DEQ in any calendar year shall not exceed \$5 million. The Secretary of the Department provides a copy of the certifications to the Commissioner of Administration who must approve the certification prior to a credit being granted. For further tax information, contact the Dept. of Revenue, Taxpayer Services Division at (225) 219-7318. For information on qualifying equipment or service contracts, please contact the Waste Permits Division of DEQ at (225) 219-3266 or (800) 305-6621. ♦♦♦



## Litter prevention is everyone's responsibility

by Karen Fisher-Brasher, Staff Scientist, Business and Community Outreach Division, Baton Rouge Headquarters

Litter is the intentional or unintentional pollution resulting from the careless handling or improper disposal of materials. Research and experience prove that litter attracts more litter. A clean community discourages littering and raises local living standards and quality of life.

People tend to litter because they feel no sense of ownership. Even on public property people often believe that someone else will take the responsibility to pick up litter that has accumulated over time.

Cigarette butts are the most reported form of litter in Louisiana. The Louisiana litter hotline received over 4500 calls in the calendar year 2007. Most of those calls re-

sulted in an educational letter to the vehicle owner explaining the importance of keeping Louisiana litter free.

To report litter from vehicles in Louisiana, call 888-LITRBUG. You will be asked to provide the license number, a description of the vehicle and the type of litter, the location and time of the event.

**LA DOTD's Adopt-a-Road program** enlists volunteers to remove litter and debris from state and federal roadsides. There are over 670 Adopt-a-road groups responsible for over 1200 miles of highway. To adopt a highway,

visit [http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/programs\\_grants/adopt/adopt\\_a\\_road.asp](http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/programs_grants/adopt/adopt_a_road.asp)



## ENVIROSCHOOL FOR COMMUNITIES

DEQ is now presenting a series of training sessions on Thursdays around the state designed to educate and encourage communities to participate in the regulatory process. The goal is to become more informed and skilled on how to access and utilize regulatory information and resources. Below is the schedule:

1st Thursday—Baton Rouge—10 AM—12Noon

2nd Thursday—New Orleans—10 AM—12Noon

3rd Thursday—Lake Charles—10 AM—12Noon

4th Thursday—Shreveport—10 AM—12Noon

For more information or to register, please visit the Community & Industry Relations page at [deq.louisiana.gov](http://deq.louisiana.gov) or contact Ms. Tomeka Prioleau at 225-219-0877.

## Important Dates


<b>September 17</b>	<b>Asbestos &amp; Lead Workshop Baton Rouge 8:30am-12:30pm</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>Stage II Certificates expire</b>

### Underground Storage Tank Training

Date	Location	Time
20-Aug-08	Shrev./Bossier	8 am -12 Noon
10-Sep-08	W. Monroe	8 am -12 Noon
30-Sep-08	Baton Rouge	1 pm - 5 pm

To register for this FREE class, call Tommie Johnson (225) 219-3805, Leigh Gauthreaux (225) 219-3713, or Vicki Tabora (225) 219-3808.

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